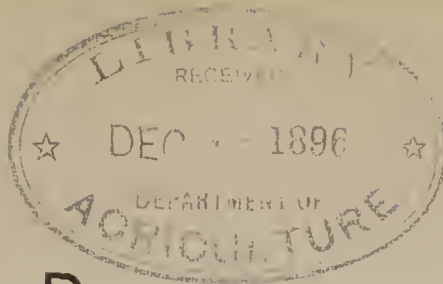


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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
OFFICE OF THE APPOINTMENT CLERK.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *December 1, 1896.*

The Honorable

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

SIR:

In accordance with your instructions, I have the honor to report the present status of the classified service in the Department of Agriculture.

By the provisions of the Civil Service Act, and the rules of the Civil Service Commission approved by the President, all the officers, clerks, and employees of the Department of Agriculture are now embraced in the classified service. These include the Chief Clerk of the Department, the Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, all Chiefs of Divisions, Superintendents, Chiefs of Offices, Clerks of every kind, State Statistical Agents, Special Agents, the Director of the Office of Experiment Stations, Superintendents of Quarantine Stations, Inspectors, Assistant Inspectors, Veterinary Inspectors, Microscopists, Assistant Microscopists, Taggers, Stock Examiners, Live Stock Agents, and the Chief Clerk of the Bureau of Animal Industry; the Professors of Meteorology, Forecast Officials, Local Forecasters, Observers, and the Chief Clerk of the Weather Bureau; all Experts, Compositors, Pressmen, Folders, Engineers, Assistant Engineers, Firemen, Messengers, Assistant Messengers, Skilled Laborers, and Watchmen.

No place in the classified service of the Department can now be filled by original appointment save upon certification from the United States Civil Service Commission, and no Engineer, Assistant Engineer, Fireman, Messenger, Assistant Messenger, Skilled Laborer, Watchman, nor can any person in any subordinate grade be promoted to a clerical position before passing a civil service examination for promotion thereto.

The Secretary of Agriculture, the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, and the Chief of the Weather Bureau are above the classified service, being appointed by the President, by and with advice and consent of the Senate.

Every employee of the Department above the subordinate grade of Laborer or Charwoman is now within the classified service. Of such subordinate grade, however, very few are employed in Washington. All above that grade must be appointed upon certification of the United States Civil Service Commission.

Very respectfully,

J. B. Bennett

Appointment Clerk.

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